

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 32, 51, 64, 68, 69, 71-73, 78, 79, and 81-83, are presently active in this case.

Claim 69 has been amended as recommended in the office action.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 69, 77, 81, and 83 were objected to; claims 74 and 75 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; claim 7 was rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,140,985 to Schroeder; claims 55-60, 65-67, 76, 77, and 80 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,320,607 to Ishibashi; claims 57, 59, and 60 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,332,871 to Douglas et al.; Claims 63, 74, and 75 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,582,184 to Erickson et al.; claim 70 was rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,790,979 to Terminiello et al.; and claim 8 was rejected as being unpatentable over Terminiello et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,628,890 to Carter et al.

The claims presently active in this case were indicated as being allowable. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

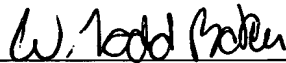
Request for Interference

Applicant hereby renews its request for an interference.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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